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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN-SUDANESE-SAUDI RELATIONS

1. ON EVE OF JAN. 7 DEPARTURE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN ADDIS, ETHIOPIAN CHARGE TEFERRA SHAWL TOLD DCM THAT DURING RECENT PILGRIMAGE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, ON ETHIOPIA'S BEHALF, ASKED KING FAISAL TO END SAUDI ASSISTANCE TO ELF. SHAWL SAID FAISAL REFUSED, LAMENTING WHAT HE PERCEIVED AS SHARP LEFT-WARD TURN OF PMAC.

2. LOCAL PRESS HAS PUBLISHED TEXT OF EXTRAORDINARILY LONG CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM B G TEFERI BENTI TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ON OCCASION SUDANESE INDEPENDENCE DAY. MESSAGE IS PAEAN TO SUCCESSES OF SUDANESE REVOLUTION. SINGLING OUT SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION FOR PRAISE, BENTI SAYS THAT QUOTE SOCIAL-IST METHOD UNQUOTE CHOSEN BY ETHIOPIA WILL STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES.

3. JAN. 7 PAPERS PROMINENTLY FEATURE NIMEIRI'S EXTENSIVE REPLY, IN WHICH HE STATES THAT ETHIOPIA'S CHOICE OF SOCIALISM SPRINGS FROM QUOTE OBJECTIVE CIRCUMSTANCES UNQUOTE AND PAVES THE WAY FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

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4. COMMENT. IN ADDITION CONFIRMING GOS DESIRE FOR CLOSE

RELATIONS WITH NEW ETHIOPIAN REGIME, NIMEIRI REPLY SUGGESTS HE
SEEKING EXPLAIN TO SKEPTICS SUCH AS FAISAL WHAT NIMEIRI SEES
AS ANODYNE NATURE PMAC QUOTE SOCIALISM UNQUOTE.
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